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Canada Day is all about celebrating what it means to be Canadian, including our culture, history, diversity, contributions here at home and abroad, and most importantly, our people and our communities. It's a day to join together at celebrations all across the country to show our Canadian pride.

I'm looking forward to celebrating Canada Day by flipping pancakes at the annual Caledon Canada Day Strawberry Festival in Caledon Village, hosted by the Caledon Agricultural Society.







You can also celebrate Canada's 157th birthday by participating in my 4th annual Canada Day contest. It's open to my constituents who creatively display their flag poster (which can be found in my most recent Canada Day newsletter that you should've received in your mailbox) and post a photo of it to Facebook, Instagram, or X (formerly Twitter) along with the hashtag #CanadaDayDC24

Contest entrants will have an opportunity to win one of five 3'x6' Canadian flags from my office. Winners will be selected by random draw. If you don't use social media, you can still participate by e-mailing a photo to me at kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca

I wish you and your loved ones a safe and very Happy Canada Day, and a wonderful summer!

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DUFFERIN-CALEDON CANADA DAY FLAG CONTEST

Below you will find the five winning photos from last year's Canada Day paper flag contest. I'm sure these photos will give you many creative ideas to display your own paper flag.











Good luck and have fun! Remember to post your photo to **#CanadaDayDC24** (or e-mail to kyle.seeback@parl.gc.ca) by **11:59 p.m. July 1st**. Winners will be announced on July 05, 2024 on my Facebook page.

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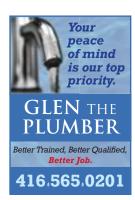
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Zoning for 35,000 housing units approved by Council following

Residents protested outside Caledon Town Hall on June 25 before the Council meeting where 12 zoning bylaws that permit 35,000 housing units were

contentious meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A decision has been made on 12 zoning bylaws that have galvanized the Caledon community for months.

At Caledon Council's June 25 meeting, 12 zoning bylaws that would permit 35,000 housing units were approved.

Mayor Annette Groves, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli,

and Regional Councillor for Wards 4, 5 and 6 Mario Russo voted in favour of the by-

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, and Regional Councillor for Wards 1, 2 and 3 Christina Early opposed the bylaws.

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer recused himself from the vote due to a pecuniary interest as he leases land for agricultural purposes within the affected lands.

The June 25 meeting lasted over six hours and Town Hall was packed.

27 people gave delegations on the by-

A large number of Caledon residents who attended the meeting requested that Groves honour a commitment she made in a May 23 public information session: that she would not hold a vote on the bylaws this summer.

Others in attendance supported the bylaws and said Caledon needs the growth they will bring.

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New murals unveiled on **Caledon Trailway following grant**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN LOCAL JOURNALISM

INITIATIVE REPORTER

There are some new improvements on the Caledon Trailway.

On June 21, the Town of Caledon announced that thanks to Rural Economic Development (RED) funding from the Provincial Government, several additions to infrastructure and public art were made along the Caledon Trailway this spring.

In the summer of 2023, Caledon applied for RED funding and was successful, receiving a

grant of \$117,274. "With this funding, the Town implemented and installed various pieces of infrastructure throughout Caledon's villages to beautify and enhance public spaces, improving the visitor and resident experience in and near Caledon's commercial core areas," said the Town in a news release.

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BrightStart Caledon Family Centre: Caledon Parent-Child Centre introduces new name

Rebranding initiative funded by Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Caledon Parent-Child Centre is now the BrightStart Caledon Family Centre.

On June 19, the BrightStart Caledon Family Centre held its annual general meeting and announced its new name.

The meeting was attended by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, who was there on behalf of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which gave the BrightStart Caledon Family Centre a \$58,100 grant for its rebranding initiative.

BrightStart Caledon Family Centre's Executive Director, Teresa Colasanti, has been leading the non-profit for 21 years and said the Centre has been thinking about rebranding for quite

"Our last strategic planning cycle, we did some stakeholder engagement," she said. "We heard from the community that rebranding was something that was going to be necessary in order to better reflect the inclusive programs and services that we provide to the community."

Colasanti said the rebranding initiative took a lot of hard work, planning, and engagement with the community.

Jones provided remarks at the meeting, and thanked all the volunteers in attendance for their service to the BrightStart Caledon Family Cen-

"I think we forget sometimes how much excellent work happens in our community because volunteers step up and are willing to serve, in brightstart

BrightStart Caledon Family Centre Executive Director Teresa Colasanti, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and BrightStart Caledon Family Centre Board Chair Carine Strong are pictured at the announcement of the Caledon Parent-Child Centre's new name: BrightStart Caledon Family Centre. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN



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most cases behind the scenes," said Jones.

Jones said she was impressed by how many organizations were represented at the annual general meeting and that it's a testament to how working together makes communities stronger.

Colasanti said the new BrightStart name reflects BrighStart's unique identity and key role

"This new identity redefines us as the cornerstone agency for children and families in Caledon and it makes it easy for our growing community to know who we are and what we do," she said. "This is truly an exciting day, one that I am grateful for and immensely proud to be a part of."

The BrightStart Caledon Family Centre's mis-

sion is to provide a safe and engaging space for families to connect, learn, and grow. It's an inclusive community hub that promotes positive outcomes for children and their families.

BrightStart Manager of Communications and Volunteers Shelly Ives said BrightStart takes a personal approach to its work and tailors it to respond to community needs.

She said its staff work to reduce the barriers to an exceptional childhood by supporting parents and caregivers and their capacity to parent. Ives added that BrightStart staff responds with

empathy to common caregiving concerns, and promotes health and positive social, emotional and physical development of children.









Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen and Southfields Village Public School teacher Melissa Tamming were proud to collaborate on a recent anti-littering sign project.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Kindergarten students team up with Town to make anti-littering signs

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen and Southfields Village Public School educators collaborate on sign project

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A class of Caledon kindergarten students are making their community cleaner one day at a time.

On June 21, students in Melissa Tamming and Jodie Anderson's kindergarten class at Southfields Village Public School installed some special anti-littering signs at their school.

In collaboration with Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen and the Town of Caledon, the students were able to have "Do Not Litter" and "Pick Up Your Dog Poo" signs they designed themselves printed on real Town of Caledon metal signs.

Tamming, Anderson and Sheen invited members of the media to Southfields Village Public School on June 21 to share the story behind the signs and watch them get installed.

Tamming and Anderson take their kindergarten students on a walk around the school grounds each day, and started to notice there was all kinds of garbage and dog poop being left on the property.

Despite efforts to pick up waste when they found it, there continued to be litter on the school grounds. The class decided to make their own anti-littering signs, but ran into a problem: the paper signs they created, laminated, and put up soon became damaged by the weather and fell off the fences they were posted on. The signs ended up contributing to the litter problem they were trying to help fix.

This is when Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen came in. He had seen Tamming and Anderson's class putting in lots of work to keep the community clean, and knew he could reach out to Town of Caledon staff to get proper metal signs that wouldn't break made.

Tamming said it's so important to teach kids to respect the land we live on.

"Whenever we walk now, the kids always find garbage to pick up," she said.

Sheen said he is so impressed with Tamming, Anderson, and their kindergarten students. He said the way the class cares about the environment and community is truly special.

"I was so excited to help facilitate the production of these signs," said Sheen.

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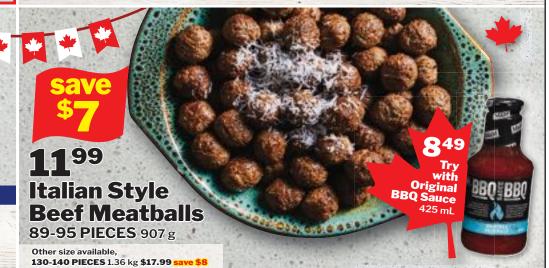
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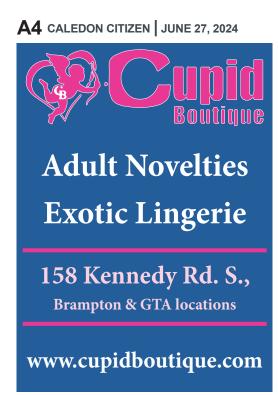




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LOADED GUN SEIZED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a loaded handgun from a vehicle during a RIDE spot check.

"On June 21, shortly after 11:30 p.m., Caledon OPP was conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Drivers Everywhere) spot check in the area of Innis Lake Road and Healey Road," say Police. "A vehicle entered the area and a preliminary investigation led officers to conduct a search. A loaded handgun was subsequently located. All three occupants were placed under arrest."

As a result of the investigation, Akashdeep Singh, 24, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition;
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Knowledge of an unauthorized possession of
- Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm; Drive vehicle or boat with cannabis readily
- available;
- Possession of a schedule 1 substance Her-
- Breach of firearms regulations transport firearm or restricted weapon;
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammu-

Maminder Singh, 25, of Brampton, as well as Navasagar Singh, 23, of Caledon, were also both charged with:

- Careless storage of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition;
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Knowledge of an unauthorized possession of a firearm;
- Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm;
- Breach of firearms regulations transport firearm or restricted weapon;
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammu-

All three accused were held for a Bail Hearing at

the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. The charges have not been proven.

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DRUG SEIZURE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) seized a quantity of drugs and charged three individuals as a result of an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in the Town of Caledon.

"On June 18, 2024, members of the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), along with Nottawasaga CSCU, Collingwood CSCU, Huronia West CSCU, Orillia CSCU, City of Kawartha Lakes CSCU, Southern Georgian Bay CSCU, Barrie Organized Crime Enforcement Bureau OCEB, and uniform executed seven search warrants at homes in Caledon and Schomberg," say Police. "The search warrants resulted in the arrest of three individuals who are facing multiple charges. In addition, the officers seized a quantity of drugs."

Ryan Suitor, 37, of Schomberg, was charged

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the
- purpose of Trafficking Oxycodone;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking - Methamphetamine; Possession of a Schedule I substance for the
- purpose of Trafficking Fentanyl;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Heroin;
- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm;
- Possession of a prohibited or restricted fire-
- arm with ammo; Possession of a firearm or ammunition con-
- trary to prohibition order 4 counts; Possession of Proceeds of Property Ob-
- tained by Crime Over \$5000 The accused was held for Bail and to appear
- before the Ontario Court of Justice.
- The charges have not been proven. Matthew Regent, 38, of Bolton, was charged
- Possession of a Schedule I substance Co-
- Assault with Intent to Resist Arrest;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000;
- Fail to comply with release order.

Alfredo Gallo, 29, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance Co-
- Possession of a Schedule II substance Other Drugs.

The two accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 4th, 2024, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven. The following property was seized:

- Powder cocaine, crack cocaine, methamphetamine, fentanyl, oxycodone pills, prescription pills, heroin;
- Items consistent with drug trafficking;
- A large amount of Canadian currency; Witness P .45 calibre handgun;
- 10 rounds of .45 calibre ammunition;
- 2016 Lincoln MKX;
- Stolen 2014 Honda CRF2 motorcycle.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation of any other criminal activity is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). You can also submit your information online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a driver involved in a collision with impaired op-

"On June 24, 2024, shortly after 8:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a collision between a passenger vehicle and a commercial motor vehicle in the intersection of Airport Road and Charleston Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Minor injuries were sustained. During the investigation, officers formed grounds that the driver of the passenger vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

Sukhwinder Singh, 56, of Nobleton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol; Operation while impaired - blood alcohol
- concentration (80 plus);
- Driving motor vehicle with liquor readily available.

The accused is schedule to attend the Ontario



Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 11, 2024, to answer to the charges. The driver's licence was also suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle impounded for seven.

The charges have not been proven.

"On June 20, 2024, shortly after 2:30 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle on Plummer Road, near Station Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "Officers attended and met with the driver. During the investigation, grounds were formed that the driver's ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested."

Iqbal Singh, 51, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol;
- Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code;
- Failure to comply with release order;
- Failure or refusing to comply with de-

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 11, 2024, to answer to the charges. The vehicle was impounded for a period of 45 days.

The charges have not been proven.

"On June 15, 2024, just after 10:00 p.m., officers received a call for service regarding a suspicious person around The Gore Road, near Finnerty Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon. The individual left the resident in a motor vehicle and was located by officers. At that time, the vehicle was observed traveling at a high rate a speed and led to a traffic stop. During the investigation, grounds were formed that the driver's ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and was subsequently arrested.

Kamaluddin Haidari, 39, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired alcohol;
- Drive motor vehicle perform stunt; Refusal to comply with demand;
- Drive motor vehicle with open container of liquor;
- Driver failure to surrender license. The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on July 4th, 2024,

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(MAIN) Archers warm up for the 2024 Canada Cup East tournament held in Caledon last weekend. (INSET) From left: Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli, The Archers of Caledon's Mark D'Cunha, guest of honour Lisa Bertoncini, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, and Regional Councillor Mario Russo.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Archers of Caledon host prestigious Canada Cup East tourney

Organization recently expanded programming and improved accessibility with OTF grant

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Some of the country's top archers were in Caledon last weekend for a major tournament

On June 22, The Archers of Caledon played host to the prestigious Canada Cup East tournament on its grounds in Terra Cotta.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell attended the tournament to provide greetings on behalf of the Town of Caledon. He explained he has a personal connection to the sport, as his daughter competed in archery all through high school and he coached archery when he worked at Hum-

berview Secondary School.

Maskell welcomed all the archers in attendance to Caledon and wished them luck for the tournament. Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones also attended the event to bring her best wishes and recognize The Archers of Caledon for improvements made to their facility with Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) grant money.

Lisa Bertoncini, a world-champion archer, says she learned everything she knows about archery from The Archers of Caledon. Bertoncini won gold at the 1984 World Field Archery Championships and 1985 World Games, and was invited to the June 22 tournament as a guest of honour.

"I started coming here in the late '70s... we made friends and we stuck together, it was a real community," she said. "The people that took care of and ran this club did such a good job... it's great to see that this club is still a vital part of the community and still growing and teaching and bringing people into the sport."

Bertoncini said she wanted to give kudos to the people who run The Archers of Caledon club because it's a big job that's

undertaken by volunteers.

"This is what they do as a passion," said Bertoncini.

Mark D'Cunha of The Archers of Caledon explained the Canada Cup East tournament is in its third year and last weekend's tournament was the first Canada Cup East to be held in Ontario.

"We have the biggest outdoor facility so we stepped up," said D'Cunha.

He said The Archers of Caledon are in a growth phase and are seeing lots of interest in archery right now. D'Cunha said membership is expanding and the active archery community is the largest it's been in many years, even compared to pre-pandemic numbers.

"We're seeing lots of beginners join the club. There's a social aspect to it too, and we're very family oriented, so you see lots of families shooting together," he said. "We have a very active competitive community in recurve, compound and field."

The Archers of Caledon has received two grants totalling \$115,300 from the OTF in recent years.

In November 2022, The Archers of Cale-

don were awarded \$79,000 to make their indoor archery range accessible through accessible parking spaces, an entrance ramp, and accessible automated doors. The washrooms at the indoor facility were also renovated and retrofitted.

In June 2023, The Archers of Caledon received \$36,300 to expand their beginner and youth programs and create an advanced U18 program to fast-track archers to the level where they can participate in tournaments.

Anyone interested in learning more about The Archers of Caledon can visit their website, archersofcaledon.org.

Archery Canada president Aaron Bull said The Archers of Caledon are leaders in archer and coach development.

"We look forward to working with the club and Archery Ontario to train and certify more coaches up to the Competition Development level to support the expansion of competitive archery in Ontario," said Bull. "We commend their leadership in removing barriers and expanding accessibility for para-archers."



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by Chrissy Jarvie, Communications Lead



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puts Ontario's number of persons aged 65+ at 7,568,308 and is expected to grow significantly.

A report out of McMaster University forecasts that Ontario's senior population will grow by 650,000 in the next five years.

June in Ontario is recognized as 'Seniors Month' and at Caledon Community Services (CCS), we want seniors to lead the highest quality of life that they can in our community.

CCS Personal Support Workers (PSWs) provide Assisted Living and Respite Companionship to help seniors age in their homes and the community they love. Transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping, wellness activities and other essential destinations allows seniors to attend to their needs safely and independently. Our Seniors Health and Wellness activities and Seniors Helping Seniors groups offer a variety of social activities that are vital to their physical, emotional and cognitive well-being.

"These programs are really important to our seniors," says Silvana Ferrari,

Coordinator, Seniors Health and Wellness. "It gives them a reason to come out, to socialize and keeps them connected."

These services and more like the Caledon Specialist Clinic, food support and care coordination help our senior neighbours remain independent, avoid isolation and thrive.

The theme of Seniors Month in 2024 is 'Working for Seniors' and highlights the programs and services that are helping seniors across the province stay fit, healthy, active and connected to their family, friends and communities. So how are we working for seniors?

In 2023-2024 we provided 27,290 rides (31 per cent more than in 2022-2023), added two new vehicles to our fleet to increase the number of safe, accessible and affordable rides and 208 seniors enjoyed Seniors Helping Seniors and Seniors Health and Wellness sessions. Together we are building a healthy and connected community.

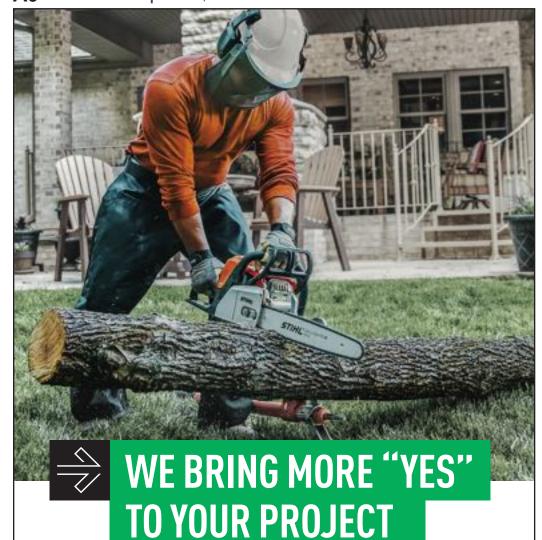
Seniors Health and Wellness program participants Arnie and Elizabeth say it best: "The program has been a lifesaver for us, we appreciate very much what you do for us. You are our guardian angel. Thank you very much.

If you're a senior looking to live your best life in Caledon or if you're looking for support for a senior loved one, we're here for you. Visit www.ccs4u.org to explore our offerings or call 905-584-2300 to connect with our team.

How Do You See It?

Tell us how you see it.
Carolyn Langan, Senior Manager, Health Services, Caledon Community
Services at 905-584-2300 ext. 225 or clangan@ccs4u.org

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Pictured here at the celebration are Mike Longo, Longo's Chief Operating Officer; Piero Carbone, son of original Garden Foods founder Carmine Carbone; Gus Longo, Co-Founder of Longo's; Michael De Lutis, Garden Foods Store Manager; and Joe Fusco, Vice President, Operations.

Garden Foods celebrates two years under new ownership

Customers enjoyed gift card giveaways, cake and samples on June 22

CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

A Bolton staple is celebrating continued success in the community.

On June 22, Garden Foods celebrated the second anniversary of its new ownership under the Longo's banner.

Customers of the local grocery store were treated to a celebratory cake and entered a raffle to win gift cards — some even participated in a watermelon eating contest.

Piero Carbone, the son of Garden Foods' founder, Carmine Carbone, said store was founded in 1982 and was run by the family

until June 22, 2022 when it was purchased by Longo's.

"We were able to keep the name; we were honoured that they kept the name. It was really nice," said Carbone.

Gus Longo, co-founder of Longo's, said it means a lot to the company to take over a family business as Longo's comes from humble beginnings.

"We have all the same staff that have been here for many years," said Longo. "They're happy here and they're here for the long run."

Carbone said it was a seamless transition when Longo's took over and that customers appreciated the continuity in service.

Longo said he and Longo's are proud to be running Garden Foods and look forward to many years of continued success bringing quality groceries and more to Garden Foods' loyal customers.



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Palgrave Rotary celebrates 25th anniversary of Wines of the World event

June 22 fundraiser at Palgrave Equestrian Park was a success

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents sampled delicious wines while supporting a good cause last weekend.

On June 22, the Rotary Club of Palgrave held its annual Wines of the World fundraiser at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Palgrave. It was the 25th anniversary of the popular event.

Palgrave Rotary member Raphael Boettger said he was happy with the "spectacular" turnout for Wines of the World this year.

"We have some really great volunteers and really great sponsors, most of them have been with us every year and they really believe in this event," said Boettger. "This is our marquee event and it's been going really well. The volunteers put in tons of hours, blood, sweat and tears to make it happen."

Palgrave Rotary is currently fundraising alongside Bolton Rotary to support the Caledon Cavaliers rugby club in getting new uprights for their field. Boettger said getting the club regulation-size uprights will give



Palgrave Rotarians were proud to host their 25th annual Wines of the World fundraiser on June 22.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

them a real home that feels professional.

Musician Jessica Sole returned this year to entertain guests at Wines of the World.

"She always puts on a great show," said Boettger.

uprights for their field. Boettger said getting Ross Farrelly, a past president of Palgrave the club regulation-size uprights will give Rotary, was a member of the club when it

started in 1981. He explained Wines of the World began 25 years ago as an initiative spearheaded by past club president and wine aficionado Struan Richie.

The original events were catered by Henry Maag.

In the years since, the event has grown to

be one of Caledon's signature summer events.

Farrelly said he was happy to see such a great crowd out for the event despite the unpredictable weather, and that the guests seemed to really be enjoying the food from Absolute Catering and many different wines on offer.

Public Notice



NOTICE OF STUDY COMPLETION

NEW SUPPLEMENTARY WATER SUPPLY SOURCE FOR THE PALGRAVE-CALEDON EAST DRINKING WATER SYSTEM

The Class EA Study:

Peel Region has completed a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) Study to enhance the water supply capacity of the existing Palgrave-Caledon East Drinking Water System to meet the long-term water needs of the serviced area.

The study has been conducted in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule 'C' project under the *Municipal Class Environmental (Class EA) Assessment document* (February 2024) which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Class EA study included a comprehensive assessment of water servicing alternatives to identify the necessary infrastructure improvements for increasing the supply capacity of the existing Palgrave-Caledon East Drinking Water System.

The study has identified the preferred recommended solution as the connection of a new municipal production well to the existing Caledon East distribution system. The new municipal production well was constructed in 2020, on a parcel of land located to the north Castlederg Side Road, east of Airport Road. The preferred recommended solution comprises the following major infrastructure, illustrated in the figure:

- A new water treatment plant adjacent to the new municipal production well, providing treatment for disinfection; and,
- A 1-km long feedermain along Castlederg Side Road and Airport Road to provide for the connection between the new water treatment plant site and the existing Caledon East water distribution system on Airport Road.

Your Opinion Matters:

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) has been prepared to document the planning and decision-making process, as well as consultation efforts, followed in the Class EA Study. By this notice, the ESR is being placed on the public record for a 30-calendar day review period from June 17, 2024, to July 17, 2024. The ESR will be available for public review on the Region's website at peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/caledon/revised-project-name.asp

Peel Region is committed to ensuring that all regional services, programs, and facilities are inclusive and accessible for persons. Please contact the Project Manager if you need any accommodations to provide comments or feedback for this study. All requests must be received within the review period. Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team on or before July 17, 2024. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Luis Lasso at Peel Region by

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Requests should also be copied to the Peel Region's Project Manager, Luis Lasso by mail or by e-mail. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act* at: ontario.ca/page/class-environmental-assessments-part-ii-order.

The Notice of Completion was first issued on June 20, 2024.



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Some residents unhappy Mayor broke commitment to not hold vote on zoning this summer

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Eric Lucic, Caledon's chief planner, gave a presentation on the 12 bylaws. He said they were designed to meet the criteria of Caledon's Official Plan and that they're a logical extension of built areas.

The bylaws were drafted by law firm Loopstra Nixon and will expedite planning procedures in 12 areas, totalling around 5,000 acres, in Mayfield West, Tullamore, Alloa, Wildfield and Bolton.

Lucic said a broad approach will best address broad planning issues and ensure critical infrastructure will be built. He said the bylaws are all within the existing urban boundary set out by the Region of Peel and that they won't negatively impact Greenbelt lands.

"These applications are not a surprise," said

He said there are holds within the bylaws that will allow Caledon to plan the types of communities it wants; and, that the bylaws cannot be in effect until the holds are lifted by Caledon Council.

Lucic said the bylaws will better qualify Caledon for incentive funding and that while a change in approach to planning in Caledon is difficult, Caledon will benefit from it.

In response to many questions asked after his presentation, Lucic said secondary planning, which the public will be engaged in, will address concerns.

Lucic said the 12 zoning bylaws will match Caledon's growth management and phasing plan and that they're about enabling opportunity for development.

He said while the Region of Peel hasn't yet provided clearance on the bylaws, staff are confident they've addressed the Region's concerns and continue to work with the Region.

Sheen said Councillors weren't expecting the vote on the bylaws to be held on June 25 and asked if more time would help Caledon work with the Region, to which Lucic said it wouldn't.

Sheen also asked how Caledon will address planning mistakes it made in previous communities like Southfields Village for future com-

"I don't want to see Southfields recreated times 12," said Sheen. "When you try to cut through red tape you take away safeguards."

Kiernan said she was concerned with the holds in the bylaws; she questioned why if something was so great so many things have to be put into it to make sure nothing goes wrong.

Nicola Ross, one of the founders of citizens' group Democracy Caledon — which was formed when Groves first introduced the 12 bylaws through Strong Mayor powers — said the group feels the financial implications of the 12 bylaws have not been properly addressed.

Ross said the four public information sessions held by the Town of Caledon on the bylaws (May 15 in Southfields Village, May 23 in Bolton, May 27 in Alton, and June 10 in Caledon East) did not cut it.

"Many of our questions have not been answered," she said.

Ross said on June 25 Democracy Caledon was not even asking Groves to change her opinion on the bylaws: it just wanted her to honour the commitment she made on May 23 to not hold the vote on them this summer.

"You broke your promise," said Ross.

Vadim Promotorov, a Caledon Chamber of Commerce member, said Caledon needs a Mayor who is "mature" enough to keep promises. He took issue with Groves' claim that the bylaws coming forward on June 25 was a staff-led move.

Promotorov said he's not against growth but that it needs to be done with, not against, the residents of Caledon.

Caledon resident and small business owner Peter Bozzo said he supported the 12 bylaws and that if executed properly they will enhance Caledon.

Local realtor Anthony Caputo said Caledon needs development to bring housing prices under control and that he applauds Groves for

bringing the 12 bylaws forward. Realtor Daniel De Rosa said embracing development can take Caledon to the next level and encouraged Councillors to not miss the

opportunity to make Caledon better together. Resident Daniel McCammon said it's not about development but the quality of development. He said the bylaws should not proceed until the Region of Peel's concerns are thor-

oughly resolved. McCammon said to proceed with the bylaws without a fiscal framework is folly. He also took issue with Strong Mayor powers, calling

them an affront to democracy. Resident Cheryl Connors said Caledon should defer the applications to the fall and complete its growth management and phasing plan, and complete secondary plans for the lands impacted by the 12 bylaws.

"Why should we believe your promises?" Connors asked. "We have been burned too many times. There's been an erosion of trans-

parency and accountability." Connors said by taking a non-adversarial approach to development for developers,

Caledon has become adversarial to residents. Inglewood resident Linda Pim said it's her view that Caledon has not paid enough attention to resident concerns.

"Staff may be ready but residents are not," said Pim.

She said the 700-plus-page agenda for the June 25 meeting, which was released on June 21, was far too large for any resident to reasonably digest in time for the meeting. Pim also shared concerns about whether proper engagement with Indigenous peoples was completed for the bylaws.

Resident Alan Boughton questioned if the bylaws were about building homes or changing the value of land. He said while he's heard great points on both sides of the debate, there's no rush for the bylaws and encouraged Councillors to defer the vote on them.

Democracy Caledon co-founder Debbe Crandall said giving zoning to developers up front hands Caledon's future to wealthy developers and their friends.

"If staff is directed by the CAO, and the CAO directed by the Mayor, how is it not the action of the Mayor to force the vote tonight?" asked Crandall.

Groves appointed Caledon's CAO Nathan Hyde using Strong Mayor powers in 2023.

Crandall said Groves needs to own up to her

"She has proven promises and commitments mean nothing to her," said Crandall. "Bring back integrity to Town Hall and vote to defer tonight."

Local realtor Rocky Punia said Caledon needs to tackle the housing crisis by expediting housing development and creating a competitive environment to drive down house

Alex Sallal, owner of restaurant Blue Smoke in Bolton, said it's been a challenge to run a small business in Caledon. He said it's hard to find staff when there's nowhere affordable for people to live.

"I feel like growth is essential," said Sallal. Resident John Rutter said Caledon needs its own health care facility before any large population increase. He also said he hasn't seen much appetite in the community for 35,000 new housing units.

Resident Alan Axworthy said while he's learned more about the 12 bylaws, he still never got an answer to his main question: What's the rush? He said the vote on the bylaws should be deferred until after Caledon knows what will happen with potential downloading of services from the Region of Peel.

Former Bolton councillor Rob Mezzapelli used the start of his delegation to play a recording of Groves committing to not holding a vote on the bylaws this summer. He told Groves to not insult Town of Caledon staff and residents by saying it's staff's move to bring the bylaws forward.

"What you are looking at is piecemeal planning on steroids," said Mezzapelli.

Resident Brad Merkley said, as a young person, he's not against development but is vehemently against the 12 bylaws and issuing zoning before secondary planning is complete. He said congestion issues in Caledon will be compounded if large amounts of new housing come to Town before jobs do.

"This is ethically and financially reckless," said Merkley.

Resident Rayissa Palmer said she can't remember another time Caledon residents came together so strongly in opposition to something like they have for the 12 bylaws. She encouraged Councillors to not support the bylaws.

Phil Pothen, a land-use planning lawyer with Environmental Defence, said the lands added to the Region of Peel's urban boundary in 2022 never should have been. He said the development the 12 bylaws will permit comes at the cost of more cost-effective infill homes that could be built in other places.

When delegations at the June 25 meeting were complete, Early said she heard loud and clear that residents did not want the bylaws voted on that evening.

She said it didn't make sense to vote on something that will impact Caledon for 30 years at 10 minutes after midnight.

She motioned to refer the 12 bylaws back to staff, and her motion was eventually defeated. A later motion from Sheen to defer the vote on the bylaws was also defeated.

Russo said the referral would appease a group of residents and that it wouldn't actually achieve anything. He said infrastructure in Peel will be competed for and that Caledon needs to get in the queue for it.

"We have a very clear mandate from the Province we must fulfill," said Russo.

Kiernan said it can't be swept under the rug how the community spoke out about the by-

"It's not Caledon's responsibility to fix the housing crisis," she said. "I don't buy that we have to get in queue; we are desirable, there is no reason why we shouldn't be able to sit down with developers and compromise."

Maskell said the way Caledon has planned in the past has been far from perfect, so Caledon needs to try something new. He said he liked Lucic's plan to move things forward and called it comprehensive.



Two new murals have been installed on the Caledon Trailway between

Mountainview and St. Andrews roads.

TOWN OF

Murals part of improvements to Caledon Trailway completed this spring

Continued from FRONT

There are two new murals on the Caledon Trailway and they're located between Mountainview and St. Andrews roads. They are a partnership between Caledon and the Caledon Trailway Book Committee.

One mural features an illustration of a train moving along the previous railway to acknowledge the history of the site; the other illustrates people cycling and walking along the Caledon

The murals were funded by sales of the Caledon Trailway book, Province, and Town of Caledon's Public Art Program.

On April 10, permanent wayfinding signs were installed on the Caledon Trailway in the village and hamlet intersections of Palgrave, Caledon East, Cheltenham, Inglewood, and Terra Cotta. The signage points trailway users in the direction of local attractions like cafes, pubs, restaurants and more.

"These signs were designed to provide context to the area surrounding the Trailway: amenities within walking distance, number of kilometers until the next village, reminders about trailway etiquette and a QR code link to Caledon's tourism website," said the Town.

The Town has installed bicycle repair stations along the Caledon Trailway that are equipped with allen keys, wrenches and air pumps.

Caledon has also committed more money in its 2024 budget to Caledon Trailway maintenance.

"Visitors to the Caledon Trailway will also notice the addition of boot brush stations at three locations. Installed by Parks Operations staff, these stations are part of a pilot project to increase awareness of invasive plants at some of the more popular Trailway access points," said the Town. "Trail users will learn about common invasive plants and what they can do to reduce Trans Canada Trail."

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said she's excited about all the recent improvements to the Caledon Trailway.

"On behalf of Council and staff I express our gratitude for the support from the Rural Economic Development program," said Groves.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones said her government is committed to supporting strong rural communities.

Ontario's Minister of Rural Affairs Lisa Thompson said the Province is committed to supporting Ontario's small towns.

"...I trust the return on the RED investment will pay dividends as public spaces are enhanced to attract visitors," said Thompson. "The local murals will certainly create an attraction, while the wayfinding signage and bicycle repair stations will help tourists and locals enjoy the Caledon Trailway."

Caledon's Chief Administrative Officer Nathan Hyde said enhancing the Caledon Trailway shows Caledon's dedication to fostering active transportation.

"In improving accessibility from the trailway to local businesses we are supporting our strategic priority of community vitality and livability, enriching the vibrancy and liveliness of our hamlets and villages," said Hyde.

Caledon Trailway Book Committee treasurer Wayne Noble said the committee is thrilled to be part of improvements to the Caledon Trailway, and shared that since 2020, \$63,000 has been donated for Caledon Trailway enhancements by the committee.

"The mural is situated in a place full of history and illustrated on the base of an old trestle bridge that supported the Canadian Pacific Railway. At one time, Cardwell Junction had a railway station, restaurant, water tower and brick-

made possible through collaboration with the partnership between volunteers, donors and the er to create the first murals along the Caledon Town. Today we see these same groups, as well Trailway," said Noble.

the spread along the Trailway. This project was yard. The Caledon Trailway exists because of a as the Provincial Government, coming togeth-

COMMUNITY

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Bolton Al-Anon recently the meeting **Bolton** location to United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

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BBQ Steak Dinner - Friday, July 19, 2024 The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Summer Steak BBQ Dinner on the covered patio at 6:30 pm. The menu is BBQ steak, with potatoes, peppers, zucchini, mushrooms, onions & tomatoes plus salads & dessert! Featuring the melodic, summer calypso sounds of Joe Cullen on his steel drum. Tickets are \$40. Limited tickets available and must be purchased in advance. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to purchase your tickets.

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A summer of exploration and innovation

School's out for summer and, for many kids minute of consolations. across our communities, it's a carefree time to again appears on the horizon.

the summer break. Perhaps goal-setting at the time was a bit less ambitious than it is today; by at an ever-faster clip. These factors aside, at that age you knew you'd be set to return to the classroom in September with at least one fun summer vacation?"

With two working parents, extended vacaalmost invariably out of the question. I was fortunate enough to be offered a week here and there at stay-away camp, but this never materialized, the fault lying squarely at my feet. From time, and even being at a point where I didn't quite yet have my own sense of self, I steadfastly refused to leave my "bubble" – and I regret it. point?

Thankfully, these aren't earth-shattering regrets, but they're regrets nonetheless.

My parents, however, were not content to let me stay home for months on end. Day camps were the order of the day, and, although I took to each of them with varying degrees of enthusiasm, they were great ways to spend the summer and make new memories.

Look, I was never going to be an athlete, despite my parents somehow thinking sending me men would have thought seeing the slow decay to sports camps would have the same impact as French Immersion has on picking up another bailiwicks of science and imagination. language, but they kept me moving, busy and having fun.

days where we had field trips as close to home as a local recreation centre for an afternoon of swimming or as far afield as a bus trip down to Toronto to soak in some culture, things would have been considerably more mind-numbing.

A walk-through of CBC's Toronto studios, for instance, opened many eyes wide to the possibilities of a career in journalism, broadcasting or showbiz – all becoming more real if you happened to bump into the likes of Peter Mansbridge or members of the late lamented Royal collectively measure the historic value of such Canadian Air Farce going about their workday, assets. never too busy to stop for a friendly hello.

pride, a trip to Casa Loma was a memorable destination that instilled a bit of Disney magic close to home, but as wonderful as those experiences were, one of my favourite places to visit much of a time for celebration as it has been for was invariably the Ontario Science Centre.

Science was never one of my favourite sub jects in the classroom, at least until high school, but in this environment, everything was just ting historic examples of our ingenuity, thirst more comprehensive, engaging, and fun – all in for knowledge, and drive to find harmony with a setting that was uniquely its own.

How unfortunate it is for kids who were look- avoided. ing forward to spending their holidays at day camps run out of that iconic setting this sultry season that the Ontario Government made the its now-predecessor? Only time will tell, but if decision last week to permanently shutter the it is intended to be a catalyst for a revitalized Science Centre, citing structural concerns with waterfront, a renewed interest in science for portions of the roof.

camp fees, I can imagine, was only the most spect it deserves.

In last week's announcement, the Province make memories before academic reality once said that the venerable landmark, which the Ford government had previously announced When I was a youngster, it often felt like just would be rebuilt on a portion of the Ontario about anything could be accomplished during Place site, would only be safe for occupancy through to the middle of the fall. This was reiterated by Ontario Infrastructure Minister Kinga perhaps it's because time appears to be going Surma on Monday that it was "hoped" the Centre would remain open until the new one was built, but necessary repairs were too costly.

"The engineers were quite specific when we thing to share in the fall when faced with that spoke to them that if we were to do work on perennial question, "What did you do on your the roof, we should replace the roof in its entirety and the building would have to be closed through that period of time, two to five years, tions while I was still in elementary school were just for the roof alone," said Surma in a June 24 press conference in comments relayed by CP24.

The same report noted a full roof replacement could run the Province between \$22 million and \$50 million, with the Province arguing it would a lack of confidence, a muted enthusiasm when have cost nearly \$500 million to bring the enit came to the great outdoors at that snapshot in tire building, infrastructure and all, back up to

But how could things have deteriorated to this

The Ontario Science Centre, on its present site, was Ontario's gift to itself to mark the Centennial of Confederation, with construction finishing up just in time for 1967.

Its original tagline was, "Come see what would happen if Albert Einstein and Walt Disney had gotten together" - a slogan with perennial relevance if I've ever heard one.

One can only wonder what those two gentleof a facility designed to marry their respective

But decay it has, and despite a brief glimmer of hope that it was here to stay when the Prov-But, truth be told, if it wasn't for those rare ince announced the latest subway extension, the Ontario Line, would terminate at a stop aptly named for the Science Centre, there appears to be no turning back.

> Litres of ink could be spilled on speculation as to why now has been deemed the time to close the Ontario Science Centre, both politically and practically, but, in my view, it's indicative of the respect this Province has for its built heritage, particularly historic buildings that haven't quite crossed the arbitrary timeline we seem to

As I wrote last week, this needs to change A tour of the Legislature drove home civic across the country - and the decline and fall of the Ontario Science Centre is just the latest example of why.

> In recent years, Canada Day has been as walking a path for reconciliation and addressing our collective history, both good and bad.

> We've come a long way as a country and letthe environment wither on the vine is best

Will a new Science Centre on the shores of Lake Ontario continue to fulfil the mandate of potential scientists of tomorrow, a showcase for How unfortunate it is for parents as well who the scientific and technological achievements thought they had everything aligned for their this country has achieved through its nearly kids for a brilliant summer of fun and learning 157 years of existence, and will continue to only to be left scrambling for alternatives at the achieve for generations to come, one can only eleventh hour. A full reimbursement of their wish for its success and hope it is given the re-

Our Readers Write

More accurate appraisal of Chamber meeting, says resident

35,000 new housing units set to be held June the 12 zoning bylaws. In addition, Marion Up-25 (June 20)

of Caledon residents at a recent meeting with much information as possible to its members"

In the June 20 article, Mayor Groves said that got the information they were looking for." she "recently had a great meeting with the Caledon Chamber of Commerce and that Chamber

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(Re: Vote on 12 bylaws that would permit members at the session were all supportive of shall, member of the Caledon Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors said, "the Cham-Once again, Mayor Groves failed to get a true ber's recent meeting with Groves was a positive pulse and proper understanding of the response one" and that the Chamber's role "is to give as the Caledon Chamber of Commerce on June 18. and that "the members who attended felt they

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We could use some personal self-healing



Let's face it, humans are frail creatures who suffer countless emotional and physical wounds

While these scars may not be our fault, our healing rests with us.

Byron Katie once noted that a clear mind "heals everything that needs to be healed." And the late, great Leonard Cohen said everything has a crack - "that's how the light gets in."

We seldom find peace or happiness in the places we lost these precious commodities. Often, we don't even know how or when the events took place. But something, somewhere along the line, things changed inside of us.

And this change either sparked renewed focus and creativity, or was left festering at the back of our minds, the pits of our stomachs.

There's no question we all have "cracks," and some part of us that needs mending. Identifying it is the first step. Digging deeper is another. And then deciding on a path, opening new doors, leads us somewhere new, and hopefully exciting.

study for hundreds, if not thousands of years. From the "Father of Western Philosophy" Socrates to Sigmund Freud, who founded psychoanalysis, the human psyche has been studied, evaluated and quantified.

Many have followed and propelled these intangible practices into bona fide science.

There's no doubt that when learned men delved into the human mind and host of emotions, that skeptics pointed fingers and raised eyebrows. Exploring the unique package that a person is has led to countless modern practices and forms of healing or self-improvement.

Joe Dispenza notes that "the moment you start tragedy is to purify the passion." feeling whole and grateful is when your brain starts to begin healing."

It's almost contradictory that the smarter and more advanced we become as a society, the sicker we are as individuals. Stress and anxiety are at all-time highs, leading a host of emotional and physical ailments. The term "stress will kill you" is absolutely correct.

Modern medicine treats anxiety, depression, social awkwardness with pharmaceuticals. We have become dull to our pain and the real reasons we harbour such destructive demons.

As a veteran journalist, I've encountered literally thousands of unique souls over the years. I've learned from very knowledgeable academics and listened to those on the fringe. I've soaked up the energy and enthusiasm of those considering sounds of silence. not mainstream. As a Boomer, I've lived through

by Mark Pavilons

several decades, where things like natural medicine, homeopathy, self-help lectures, crystals and the power of positive thoughts have become part of our beautiful mosaic.

More and more of our fellow men and women are looking at alternatives to complement their lives and wellness journey.

I've experienced the serene pain of yoga; the calm of meditation; the blissful feeling of Reiki and the impact of acupuncture. I've read countless articles on proper diet and the benefits of herbal supplements. I've been lost in thought during rigorous exercise bouts and sweated out impurities during backyard chores.

I turn to writing down my thoughts as a cathartic practice, one that often lets the steam out of the pressure cooker that is my mind.

I've been one with Mother Nature, and find solace in a dog falling asleep in my lap.

I've always been open to the "unconventional" and I love the paranormal. I believe everyone needs more spirituality in their lives, a sense of oneness with the universe if you will. If that comes from religion, fine. If it arises out of self-exploration, great. If you need a nudge, or a kick to become less skeptical, nice.

Like expanding one's pallet, I believe in trying everything, at least once.

Some philosophers note that when one's confusion dissipates, so does suffering

We all see through a certain lens - our personal aperture. This is formed by our experiences, upbringing, exposure, education and awareness. Each person sees things a bit differently. But we can find common ground in a lot of The human condition has been the focus of things. We are all basically brothers and sisters,

> But this lens dictates how we see life, and the world we live in

> Isaac Asimov said our assumptions are our windows on the world. "Scrub them off every once in a while, or the light won't come in," he

I have always been jealous of those who find joy, inner awareness so easily. I wish there was a secret potion that could give us all clarity of thought and purpose.

Aristotle reminds us that the "true purpose of

One of the real travesties of human existence is that we are in a constant fight for our lives, physically or emotionally.

I am in the biggest struggle I will ever have and I hope that modern medicine, a better lifestyle and positive attitude will give me what

If that means listening to the unique sound of a

Kierkegaard prescribed silence as the remedy for all the ills of the modern world.

Rest, recover, renew, repeat.

In our digital world, maybe the best advice is to "unfollow" yourself and just let go. Instead of "noise," maybe we should fill the void with the

Heal first, then choose your next chapter.

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You may be a millionaire

It meant you were wealthy and had more got to have some fun. money than most people would earn in their entire lifetime. You could live La Dolce Vita. new found wealth.

While having millions of dollars still means you are wealthy, there are now plenty of people who would qualify as millionaires. Most Boston Celtics. likely some of your neighbours would be in that club.

If you have a fully paid off house, no debts, vesting most of it. and have been saving your money and investisn't rare these days.

This is also a time that is seeing the greatest they are leaving their hard-earned assets to are flat broke. their children.

tate. Someone who bought their home in the finishing their playing career because they 60s or even 50s, through to the 70s to raise blew all their money on frivolous stuff. their families, and stayed in the family home, saw their investment multiply many times in with her boyfriend and they were getting envalue over the years.

Children inherit that home, then put it on the market, then drop a lot of cash into their a menial job, and didn't seem to have a lot bank account when it is sold.

A smart person will invest that money

At one time, being a millionaire was a big wisely. Although to be fair, taking a vacation both of the man's parents. He was suddenly or buying a new car isn't a bad thing. You've one of two heirs to their estate.

who made millions of dollars playing for the tune of \$20,000.

At the time, he was ridiculed by some of his ing wisely, having assets totalling \$1 million teammates, who spent their money on super itance before his parents were cold in the eral governments are doing a decent job of expensive cars and a jet-set lifestyle.

30 years after his playing career ended, well. transfer of wealth in the country's history. At Larry is still wealthy and lives a good life. a time when one generation is passing away, Most of those teammates who laughed at him, money, there are people who have billions

Most of that wealth is coming from real es- NBA players are broke within five years of range.

I was acquainted with a woman who lived spend.

Her boyfriend, although a nice guy, worked There is a huge difference. going for him.

A tragic accident resulted in the death of under 12 days to count off that many seconds. for a local organization.

Less than a month later, the woman was detake just under 32 However, many people seem to squander scribing a new truck her boyfriend just pur-years. chased. It was a high-end vehicle, top-of-the-Just ask former NBA player Larry Bird, line. He had the dealership add extras to the ence between the two

When another friend mentioned he was go-During his career, he was careful with his ing to have some pretty heavy monthly pay- amount of money through taxes and other money, spending little on luxuries, and in-ments, the reply was "Oh, he'll be getting the government interests, it must be spent wisely. money."

grave. You just know this is not going to end using your money.

In fact, it was reported that four out of five likes to spend money in the billion-dollar The billion-dollar figure is thrown around

difference between \$1 million and \$1 billion. tax dollars.

onds ticking away on a clock would take just than just showing up when they get a grant

To count off 1 billion seconds, would

BRIAN LOCKHART

FROM THE SECOND ROW

That's the differ-

numbers. When you have recovered a massive

A quick check on government spending The guy was already blowing his inher- seems to indicate both the Ontario and Fed-

However, there are some places they should While millions of dollars may be a lot of take another look at.

The public has little opportunity to weigh of dollars. At the same time, the government in when it comes to government spending.

The theory is, you get your chance at the

Voting may give you an opportunity to

like it's just money in the bank and there to choose a candidate or party that claims to reflect your values, but it seems we have very Most people don't seem to really grasp the little say when it comes to spending actual

When there are billions of dollars at stake, To put it into perspective, one million sec- our local representatives can do a better job

Fact or Fiction

doubt, to demanding actual answers and In even bigger news for Caledon, our May- when beer so easily bamboozles us? holding our elected officials accountable? or recently denied that a vote on 12 MZOs

In the ongoing quarrel about quarries, a completed. public meeting was held last week to provide an "update" on the status of aggregate to start asking the hard questions: Who is bylaws being designed to help protect Cale- benefitting from all this development? Some don's interests.

citizens involved in the working group, some it's fair to question what has Caledon itself to of those present, myself included, questioned gain? We know it's not you or I, and it's certhe use of the word "update" because for the tainly not going to be the environment, nor most part, the only update seemed to consist the brook trout (just one of the species at risk of being told that the town wasn't quite ready from our actions) so who is it? Developers? have already been shared repeatedly, and Mr. Ford's relentless rush to development? effectively, by groups like the Forks of the Who is going to be left to pay for all the in-Credit Preservation Group. So, the real ques- frastructure required to support such massive tion of why do we need another quarry when development and when will said infrastruccurrent figures suggest we already have 13x the amount of aggregate we might need for the foreseeable future remains unanswered. tape" and slash the amount of money devel-Could another quarry "needed" possibly be opers need to contribute towards infrastrucrelated to the building of a highway?

Doug Ford's plan to proceed with the 413, despite huge environmental impacts, relies when hard questions are asked, or indeed on his seeming ability to circumvent nig- inquiries are launched into scandals such as gling little details such as ignoring important greenbelt land allocations, or the Service Onexisting land use labels like "greenbelt," or tario/Staples fiasco, all Ford has to do is an-"PrimeAg " (aka prime agricultural lands). nounce "beer now available at corner stores" It's possible Ford considers the convenience and we're all distracted enough to stop carof a Caledon-based quarry as ideal because ing about answers to the more significant by sheer coincidence, highways need grav- questions. Thus empowered, why wouldn't el and if we don't care about how lands are Ford assume no one would pay any attention currently designated, or about blasting, or to yet another recent announcement, this one flyrock, or heavy trucks barrelling through about the closing of an iconic institution, the villages, then building a Caledon highway Ontario Science Centre. After all, who needs

At what point do we move from simply with Caledon gravel makes perfect sense. At science to inspire generations of future en- support such growth,

We might not like the answers but we have MZO lands border the proposed highway and While not disparaging the hard work of the much of that land is owned by developers, so to provide one in full. We were, however, in- The Brazilian quarry owners? What is Calevited to share our ongoing concerns, which don getting in return for what appears to be ture be built? The Premier empowered our Mayor and created legislation to cut "cut red ture, but at what cost to Caledon taxpayers?

We should be worried. It appears that even

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON

asking questions while perhaps expressing least to him, if not for all of us who live here. quiring minds that might ask hard questions

The sheer coincidence of the Science Cen-When do we refuse to believe the kind of an- with significant and long-lasting impacts to tre announcement (which the Premier has benefits from all this swers pawned off as fact, but which might our region, would take place before Sep- long wanted to move) is just another example actually be fiction? I'm asking, because like tember 2024. Turns out this was...not true. of government overreach, and is also once many of you, every time I open a news app, a I'm sure the fact that Caledon is about to again, related to a problematic development social media post, watch the news, read a pa- undergo unprecedented development (this proposal. An engineering report claims the per - or even talk to fellow residents, I find vote could mean adding up to 35,000 homes roof is about to collapse. Such was the risk myself increasingly given "facts" that may to our community) and that Mr. Ford grant- to the general public that the Science Cenvery well turn out to be fiction. Whether it's ed certain communities, including Caledon, tre was fenced off immediately but with no here in Caledon, or throughout the province, Strong Mayor powers to push these types of snow in the immediate forecast, this closure serious questions about who (Doug Ford? changes, are not related. Sure, the Premier is an overreaction at best. Is the danger re-Our Mayor? Some members of Council?) and only asked for 13,000 homes to be built here, ally imminent? Could the roof be fixed for how (via MZOs for example) some decisions but why stop there when the Mayor could use less than we are paying the Beer Store for the are being made, must be asked. As for the an- an MZO process to approve these 12 sepa- right to sell beer at your local gas station? Is swers? It's not as simple as not liking them, rate development applications, even though this really being done out of an abundance it's that I'm not sure whether to believe them. some of those same applications are not yet of caution or is it convenient; an excuse to close the building well ahead of schedule and "rebuild" it where Ford and friends want it

> Who is really running Caledon? We seem to be smack dab in the middle of a province that absolutely needs housing. On that I think we can all agree. But that need is for affordable housing that is built with appropriate infrastructure to support it. Our local roads are already disastrous and the problems we experience as residents and commuters will not be solved by a 52 km stretch of highway. Using Southfields and Mayfield West as examples of how traffic infrastructure doesn't meet current demands, we must realize that adding 35,000 new homes and any adjacent employment lands without proper planning in place is a disaster.

We have no good public transit system to

so, again I ask what should be a simple question really; who development? From

the outside looking in it's developers who own land adjacent to the 413 and developers who need gravel. Developers will benefit from quarries, highways, and increased population density housing requirements. Those are the

Too bad we no longer have a Science Centre where eager, young minds could learn the kind of enquiry skills necessary to ask questions of their government leaders, and also learn how to separate fact from fiction.

facts. The fiction is that somehow Caledon too

will prosper from this "required" growth.







46 teams from across Ontario grace Palgrave Park's pitches at Caledon Cavaliers' 3rd Annual Rugby Festival

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Cavaliers' third annual Rugby Festival charged Palgrave Park with much excitement on Saturday.

46 teams, ranging from U6 to U12, took to the rain-softened pitches at Palgrave.

Caledon Cavaliers Rugby Football Club President Michele Iacovelli was thrilled that "We have nine clubs from across Ontario with us. The Markham Canadian Irish, Burlington Centaurs, Georgian Bay Titans, Toronto City Rugby Club, Toronto Nomads, Toronto Dragons, Fergus Highlanders, Barrie Rugby Clubs, and Caledon Cavaliers have sent teams to compete here today."

Colorful team tents dotted the sidelines of the pitches and Iacovelli expressed satisfaction at the growth of the Cavaliers' program in one

"Each age group in our program now has 3-4 coaches. Young community volunteers have augmented the coaching ranks and are helping out. They've shown lots of support to the program in terms of organizing events, playing for the Cavaliers, and refereeing matches. We're using newly-minted youth referees today on the U12 pitches."

The pitches were awash with the aroma of hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill and the

spun candy floss gave a carnival vibe to the green space. Great tunes filled the airwaves of the Pavilion as club volunteers grilled breakfast and lunch for the participants and visitors that numbered over 500. The Pavilion also served as home base for four Caledon Councillors who showed their support for the event.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa, Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli, and Wards 4, 5, and 6 Councillor Mario Russo cheered on the hundreds of participants at Palgrave.

Councillor Russo said he was pleased to see the growth of the event.

"Welcoming so many clubs to Caledon and seeing the level of engagement by the players is great to see here today. It's great to see this facility being used so widely."

Councillor Maskell concurred with his colleague and noted that the best part of the event "are the hamburgers and, more importantly, to see the growth of the 3rd annual Festival."

Councillor Rosa added that the Festival is "rejuvenating the high school level of participation in rugby including Humberview which was a powerhouse in rugby not so long ago."

The sports enthusiast complimented the style of rugby being presented to the younger partic-

"I like the flags being worn by the younger



PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

on – much like hockey doesn't introduce full contact until later in a player's development."

The Councillors cheered on the showcase match of Saturday's event—an early afternoon tilt featuring the U16 Cavaliers and the Georgian Bay Titans. Unfortunately, the spirited Caledon squad was on the short end of a 33-0 loss to the mighty visitors from Collingwood.

players. It gets them ready for full contact later However, the U14 Cavaliers fared better on the weekend with a 21-14 win over the Burlington Centaurs and a 28-7 victory against the Ajax Wanderers.

> The U14 Cavaliers dropped their third match of the weekend 28-0 to the Fergus Highlanders to finish 2-1 on an otherwise triumphant summer weekend for the Caledon Rugby Football Club at Palgrave Park.

Caledon Citizen Student Athlete of the Week

"Set Piece Specialist" Sarah Smith stars for Wolfpack's Senior Girls Soccer team

BY JIM STEWART

Honor Roll student-athlete Sarah Smith is off to the University of Guelph to study Human Kinetics in September, but not before she brought a bundle of positive energy to her Wolfpack Soccer team this

Head Coach Andrea Czyrka applauded Smith's ferocious efforts on the pitch in the Spring as Robert F. Hall rolled to an impressive 7-1 regular season.

"Sarah is one of the grittiest athletes I know. When she is faced with a challenge, she does not back down or shy away, but rather tackles it head on. Sarah never gives up. Her determination and focus on the field make her a relentless defender and fierce opponent."

Coach Czyrka also praised the Grade 12 stu- everything she does. What impresses me the most off the field. I've worked very hard to maintain a dent's academic prowess.

"Academically, Sarah is a diligent student who strives to maintain a minimum average of 90% in all of her classes, pushing herself to go above and the attack. She is a strong, fierce opponent and nev- and soccer." beyond course expectations. Sarah works well inde- er hesitates or shies away from a challenge. She is Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary pendently, taking on the responsibility for her own learning while also collaborating with her peers to share her knowledge and enhance her understanding of material. She is an outstanding Honor Roll student who demonstrates excellent work habits and has a true passion for learning."

The veteran Head Coach is most impressed by "Sarah's love of soccer."

"it is evident every time she steps on the pitch. She is a true team player and gives 100% effort in

herself to ensure the success of her team." These on-field qualities manifested themselves in a series of performance highlights emphasized by

"Sarah's grit and drive doesn't stop on the defense terms of the person you admire the most?

line. She is a major threat on the attack as she manoeuvers her way up the field – distributing the ball or attacking on set plays. She is a set piece specialist, thriving in the box from the delivery of a corner kick. In the semi-final match against St. Marcellia free kick. This goal followed 3 header attempts in the previous game which all hit the cross bar and tinue to push me to be my absolute best self every were only inches away from the back of the net. Op- day." ponents underestimate Sarah's determination for the ball."

Three-sport athlete Sarah Smith took time from of the Week? her post-secondary plans at the University of Guelph to respond to our interview questions:

of the Week honors?

Sarah Smith: "As an athlete, I believe that I show qualities of leadership, dedication, and perse-

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2023-24 season that you are most proud of?

Sarah Smith: "This season, we finished the year off as finalists in the OFSSA-bound tier. In our regular season, we went 7-1 with only one loss to St Martins in our very first game."

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Sarah Smith: "I am currently playing League 1 soccer with Rush Academy."

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

Sarah Smith: "I am very dedicated both on and

about her is her sportsmanship and drive on the 90+ average and have received Honour Roll in all pitch. She communicates with her teammates and is my four years at Hall. I've also had the opportunialways there to support or works to make space for ty to play on teams such as flag football, volleyball,

always there for her teammates and often sacrifices plans regarding prospective academic/athletic

Sarah Smith: "Next year, I will be attending the University of Guelph to study Human Kinetics.'

Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in

Sarah Smith: "My biggest role models are my parents. I've played soccer for almost all of my life and both my mom and dad have watched close to every single game of mine whether that be for my school or club team. Not to mention, they take a lot nus, Sarah scored an unstoppable header goal off of of time out of their busy days to take me to and from practice. They are my biggest supporters and con-

> Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete

Sarah Smith: "I am very honored to have been nominated for the Student-Athlete of the Week. I've dedicated a lot of my time into the team ensuring to Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonattend all of the practices and put in the hard work strate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete on game days. I'm very thankful that my dedication to the sport has paid off."



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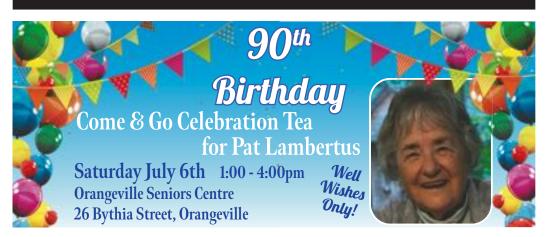
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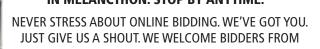
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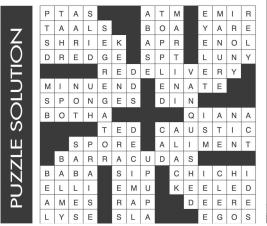


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Our Readers Write

More accurate appraisal of Chamber meeting, says resident

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I take issue with both statements. The Mayor's assumptions that "all" members were supportive is false; I attended the meeting as a new Chamber member and I certainly was not supportive. I, along with at least one other Chamber member, have been very vocal about our disappointment with the Mayor and her approach with the 12 bylaws. As a matter of fact, the two of us were specifically instructed to behave during the Chamber meeting and not to bring up any controversial questions during the session.

If we weren't allowed to ask the questions that were truly on the top of our minds, no wonder the conclusion was that we were all supportive. Doesn't really feel very democratic, does it? And don't make it sound like there was a large supportive group in attendance. The Chamber has hundreds of members and only a dozen or so attended and listened quietly to the Mayor with very little engagement or interaction.

As for Ms. Upshall's comment, that the meeting was positive - if the Mayor was

I write today with immense gratitude on

behalf of our friend Derek Moor and our

entire community here in Caledon. A few

weeks ago, Derek's life took an unexpect-

ed turn when he woke up almost completely

blind. This sudden loss of vision not only

stripped him of his ability to drive and his

employment but also thrust him into a new

world of challenges that many of us can only

Despite these difficulties, Derek has

maintained an incredibly positive outlook, a

testament to his resilience and the support

he has received from those around him. A

GoFundMe campaign was launched, and

the only one able to download her agenda in a short period of time, what else would you expect? The Chamber didn't send out a feedback survey afterwards to gauge the true sentiment of the Chamber members. How could you make a blanket statement when the meeting was heavily curated in favour of your agenda? As for giving as much information as possible? Scheduling a one-hour meeting over the lunch hour to be talked at by the Mayor and not having presentations delivered by industry professionals is not my idea of being truly informed.

Please don't overstate and present what you feel is all unicorns and rainbows in Caledon – it most certainly is not the case. Maybe you're viewing all of this with rose-coloured glasses but I know for a fact that many residents are beyond disappointed with how our voices have truly not been heard throughout this process.

Do better, Mayor Groves, like you originally promised.

thanks to the generosity of friends, family, and community members, over \$5,000 was

raised to help Derek with immediate expens-

Among those who reached out to help was

Zeus Bikes from London, ON. Upon learn-

ing of Derek's situation, Zeus Bikes selfless-

ly stepped forward with a generous donation

and introduced Derek to an E-bike. This

E-bike has become a vital means of mobility

for Derek, allowing him to run local errands

The kindness shown by Zeus Bikes goes

beyond a simple donation; it embodies the

spirit of community and compassion. The

es during this transitional period.

and visit places independently.

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owners of Zeus Bikes shared their own story of overcoming hardship, expressing gratitude for the opportunities Canada has provided them, which now allows them to give back to others in need.

Therefore, through this letter, we want to extend our deepest thanks to everyone who contributed to the GoFundMe campaign and to Zeus Bikes. Your contributions, both financial and in spirit, have made an enormous difference in Derek's life during this challenging time of change and adaptation.

In a world where news often highlights

divisions and challenges, the support shown to Derek Moor is a shining example of the strength and kindness within our community. It reminds us that even in difficult times, we can come together to support one another and make a positive impact.

Thank you once again to all who have shown kindness and generosity towards Derek. Your actions have touched our hearts and made our community stronger.

BILL MOTLEY

Jigs, waltzes and reels to entertain audience at Orangeville's new **Fiddle & Stepdance Contest**

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Orangeville Fiddle & Stepdance Contest is coming to Westminster United Church in Orangeville next Saturday, July 6.

Contestants from across Ontario will showcase their skills in fiddling and step dancing for the contest, which gets underway at 10 a.m. with children's classes. There will be a fiddle and dance showcase at 1 p.m. and group, youth, and adult classes at 1:30 p.m.

"This is a high-energy style of music and dance that combines Celtic and French influences with old time Canadian tradition," said Charlotte Clare, who is organizing the contest. "Attendees will be entertained by individual and group performances of jigs, waltzes, and reels in both fiddle and dance disciplines."

Contestants will have live accompaniment on stage by a professional fiddler and pianist.

The contest is brand-new to Orangeville, and Clare said she's hosting it, in part, because of Dufferin County's strong roots in fiddle music.

The Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championships in Shelburne ran for over 60 years and awarded some of the most prestigious titles in the country.

"Hundreds of stepdance students have attended Chanda's School of Dance in Orangeville since the early 2000s, and the Orangeville Fiddle and Stepdance Camps attracted students every summer from all over North America," Clare noted. "Unfortunately, none of these local institutions are still in operation, leaving few opportunities in Dufferin to experience this uniquely Canadian art form. Our new contest aims to connect with existing fans and encourage younger generations to be involved in a community that brings people together through a shared passion of music and dance."

The contest is anticipating at least 75 contestants from across Ontario and Quebec in age divisions from nine and under to 65 and older.

"This will be the newest event in a circuit of contests that run throughout the summer, with a dedicated community of fiddlers, dancers, families, and fans who travel from far and wide to attend. We are also hoping to attract local residents who may have previously attended the Shelburne contest or taken lessons in the area," said Clare.

Over 50 cash prizes will be awarded throughout the contest, with top prizes reaching \$300. The cash prizes are sponsored by local individuals and businesses.

Tickets to the event will be sold at the door. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for children.

Following the contest, there will be an evening jam session at The Hatter Pub, where everyone is welcome to enjoy the live music.

If the event is successful, Clare said she hopes to build on it for next year.

"If all goes well this year, our goal is to hold the contest annually and expand into a weekend-long event in the future," she said.

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Resident grateful for E-Bike, donations

In Memory of FREDERICK ROBERT JOHN HILL

Peacefully surrounded by family on Monday, June 17th at Wellington Terrace Long Term Care Home, in Fergus at the age of 89. Beloved husband of Barbara Genge Hill (Darnley) (deceased). Proud father of Robert (deceased) (Caroline) of California, John of California, Todd of Waterloo, and Kelly of Elora. Cherished grandpa of Josh, Jesse, Avery, Delaney, Arthur & Conrad. He will be greatly missed by his sister Beatrice Brough (Alex), his nieces & nephews, and many relatives and friends.

Born in Tillsonburg Ontario, Fred met and married his high school sweetheart Barbara Darnley. Fred walked off the high school football field in 1955 and into a position as a linesman for Ontario Hydro, travelling throughout Ontario. In 1971 Fred and Barb moved to Orangeville, where he started at the Hydro Training Centre in Hockley Valley touching the lives of utility trades apprentices across the province.

Believing to his core in fellowship, throughout Fred's life he was an active community member volunteering extensively with District Boy Scouts Group as Community Chairman, founding member of the Orangeville Chess Club, taught countless public school children how to play chess, including organizing their annual chess tournament, a very active member of the Rotary Club of Orangeville, and

Known for his mischievous, teasing sense of humour, he was happy poking fun at himself and others. His ability to strike up a conversation with anyone anywhere led to extraordinary contributions in ticket sales for Rotary's fundraising efforts. He was instrumental in establishing the annual Make Orangeville Shine event and was passionate about Ribfest being extremely proud of what it meant to the community by bringing people together.

There were many wonderful friends and kind souls who helped us and Fred with a kind word or gesture, as we navigated his dementia-related cognitive change. We are tremendously grateful for your support, thank you. We would also like to thank the remarkable staff at University Gates - Emma's Place (Waterloo) and Wellington Terrace LTC (Fergus) for their incredible care and compassion.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Headwaters Health Care Centre would be greatly appreciated by the family.

Grave side funeral service will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery 14 Cemetery Rd Mono, on Saturday, June 29th, 2024 at 11:00 am. Light reception to follow at Dods & McNair Reception Centre, 21 First Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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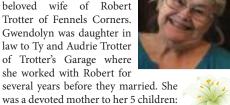
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NANCY GWEN TROTTER (NEE KING)

It is with great sadness that we announce the death, in the early hours of Monday May 20th, of Nancy Gwendolyn Trotter, beloved wife of Robert Trotter of Fennels Corners. Gwendolyn was daughter in law to Ty and Audrie Trotter of Trotter's Garage where she worked with Robert for



her sister-in-law Kate and forever loved by Robert, her husband of 38 years. Gwen was a loyal and loving sister to Connie, Fave, Dulcie, Judy (deceased), and Fern (deceased) and a dear friend to Lois Weatherdon.

Tammy, Bradley, Senora, Clayton, and

Jeremy. She will be deeply missed by

Robert and Gwen are grateful to the staff of Brampton Civic, Sunnybrook, and Orangeville hospitals for their care during Gwen's illness. Robert thanks everyone for their support during this very difficult time. Gwendolyn lived much of her life as a Jehovah's Witness: she is in her paradise now and free of pain. Robert will miss his soul mate and life partner with all his heart, and she will never be replaced in his love.

A tree will be planted in memory of Nancy in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 22nd Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www. dodsandmcnair.com

JENNIE RUTLEDGE (NEE ANDERSEN)

Jennie Rutledge (Andersen) 77 of Orangeville, Ontario passed away June 1st, 2024 at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville, Ontario

Jennie is survived by her husband Ralph Rutledge of Orangeville, Ontario, Nina Rutledge, Sean Rutledge, Cynthia and Jared Fulkerson, Scott and Kelsea Quillman, Matthew Legge, Noah Legge,

Joshua Heard, Maggie Jay Weatherford, Maria Andersen and Peter Andersen in Denmark.

Quillman (2012). Jennis was the daughter of Ruben and Anna Andersen, born in Denmark on July 11, 1946. November of

Jennie is predeceased by her daughter Denise

1958, Jennie came to Canada with her parents. Jennie and Ralph were married on November 28, 1964, Gone home with the Lord June 1st, 2024

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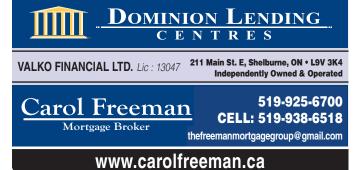
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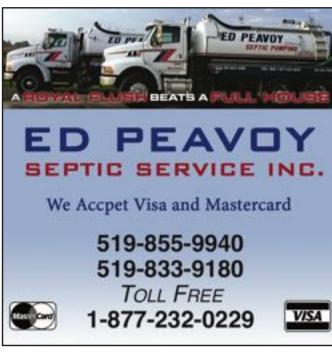
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Here's what's happening in Caledon this Canada Day

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Canada Day is celebrated each year on July 1.

In Caledon, the day is celebrated each year at the Caledon Fairgrounds where the Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival is held by the Caledon Agricultural Society.

There will be an all-day breakfast of

pancakes and strawberries, a classic car show, craft show, vendor's village, birthday cake, BBQ and strawberry desserts. There will also be live music, pony rides and a petting zoo, visits from dignitaries, Bavarian gardens, a magician, and a his-

torical military re-enactment.

Downey's Farm is also hosting its annual Canada Day Strawberry Festival on July
1. There will be a pancake breakfast, dog show, live music, magician, and Downey's Farm's play areas for kids.

While it's not on Canada Day itself, the always-popular Bolton Truck & Tractor pull is happening this Friday, June 28. The pull starts at 6 p.m. and will feature all kinds of amazing machines with screaming engines competing to see who can pull the furthest. The event also features a number of food vendors and bavarian gardens. Residents are encouraged to buy their tickets in advance online at bolton-tractorpull.ca.





Sotton Historical Soci brates 50th anniversary

CELEBRATION HELD AT CALEDON SENIORS CENTRE ON JUNE 22

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

A group dedicated to preserving history celebrated an important milestone in its own history last weekend.

On June 22, the Albion Bolton Historical Society (ABHS) celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gathering at the Caledon Seniors Centre.

ABHS president Nathan Hiller said he's proud to be part of an organization that's been preserving history for 50 years and counting.

"This is substantial, it's an impressive record especially in this day and age where people are looking towards the future rather than the past," he said of the anniversary.

Hiller said he's so grateful for all the people who have shared items like family photos and mementos with the society over the years, as each item shared helps the ABHS expand its records and preserve valuable information for future generations.

The 50th anniversary celebration featured visits from dignitaries, music from local musician Isabella Morency, refreshments, and a wide variety of interesting historical displays and presentations.

ABHS member Heather Broadbent, a founding member of the ABHS who i active with it to this day, attended the anniversary and gave a presentation on the history of the society.

She was presented with an award to celebrate her long service to the society.

The ABHS created a "time capsule" with

all kinds of memorabilia from 1974, the ry of Albion and Bolton. year the society was founded, and opened it at the celebration.

Various illustrations of historical buildings were on display at the event and were for sale by silent auction. Numerous displays around the room showcased the histo-

"We're custodians of what was started 50 years ago," said Hiller. "Over the years people have shared so many things with the society and I'm very grateful that they did... history touches a lot of people."

As the ABHS celebrates its 50th anniver-

sary, Hiller said it's extending a warm invitation to the community to get involved and be a part of a group that will preserve the next 50 years of history.

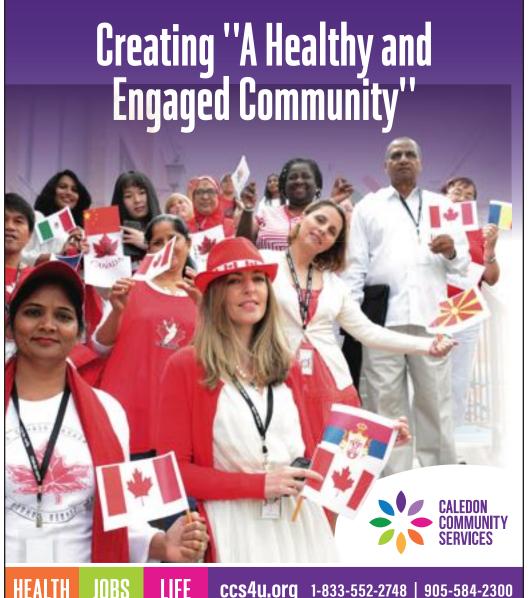
"We're always looking for new members, new people coming in with new ideas," said





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Every day, we hear Indigenous stories being told by Indigenous voices. In turn, we are acknowledging our full history. We are also seeing the contributions made by Indigenous peoples across the country, in art, business, public service and so much more.

Walking the path of reconciliation is a collective responsibility. We are confronting the injustices of the past, listening with empathy and humility, and taking meaningful action to address continued inequalities. This is hard work, but it is necessary for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples alike. In our diversity, together, we find the tools to build a stronger, more prosperous nation.

We must continue to inspire hope as we forge ahead. There is hope because people are respecting the lived experiences and celebrating the rich cultures, languages and traditions of First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

On National Indigenous Peoples Day—and every day—let us continue to support meaningful dialogue, healing and positive change. Together, we can build a more inclusive and equitable society by embracing the principles of respect, understanding and co-operation.

 $Governor\ General\ Mary\ Simon$





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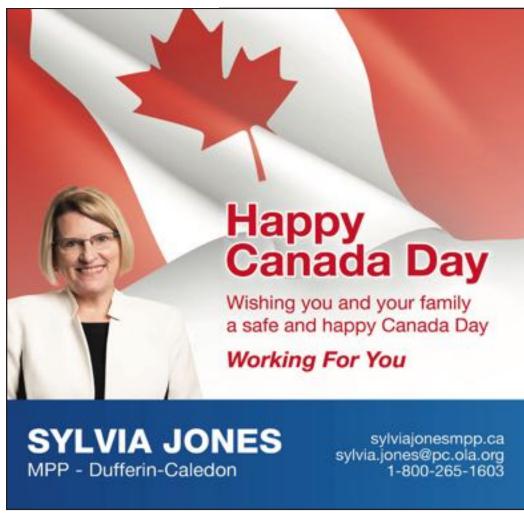
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Prime Minister marks National Indigenous Peoples Day: Statement

"ON NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY, WE CELEBRATE THE RICH HISTORIES, HERITAGE, AND RESILIENCE OF FIRST NATIONS, INUIT, AND MÉTIS ACROSS CANADA.

Celebrated on the first day of summer, this day is of great significance for Indigenous Peoples. It's a day to celebrate the mosaic of traditions, languages, and cultures that have shaped and continue to shape Canada. Many Indigenous communities will hold ceremonies with cultural celebrations, vibrant displays of art, and traditional storytelling.

"Despite past attempts by Canada to erase Indigenous cultures, traditions, and languages, Indigenous Peoples persevered. Today, we celebrate their achievements, their courage, and their unwavering resilience.

"I spent the day in We'koqma'q, Nova Scotia, where we announced the delivery of more than \$16 million per year in increased funding to Mi'kmaw Kina'matnewey to maintain, repair, and replace their existing education infrastructure. This funding will help ensure communities, including approximately 3,000 students, have the resources they need to succeed while remaining connected to Mi'kmaw culture and language. It will support improved quality of life, reduce poverty, and build a more resilient and fair local economy.

"A fairer future for every generation of Indigenous Peoples includes better access to education and good-paying jobs. With renewed Nation-to-Nation, Government-to-Government, and Inuit-Crown relationships, we are creating thousands of jobs, generating economic opportunity for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, and closing the education infrastructure gaps that have affected Indigenous communities for far too long. Our government is here as a partner.

"One year ago today, we released the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act Action Plan 2023-2028. Developed in consultation and co-operation with First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and Modern Treaty Partners from across Canada, the Action Plan serves as our roadmap to achieving lasting change in our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. With Budget 2024, we're building on this work by introducing new measures to support Indigenous communities in accessing culturally appropriate health care as well as education, housing, and economic opportunities.

"Today also marks the fifth anniversary of the Indigenous Languages Act, a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to reclaim, revitalize, maintain, and strengthen Indigenous languages across the country. Languages are a source of strength and renewal for Indigenous Peoples, and through Budget 2024, we're making investments that support Indigenous communities in preserving their languages and ensuring they're never lost again.

"On National Indigenous Peoples Day, I invite Canadians to learn more about Indigenous cultures, participate in an event, and join the conversation on social media by using the hashtag #NIPD2024. Let us commit to celebrating Indigenous contributions, Indigenous ways of knowing and being, and Indigenous traditions – every single day. And let us challenge ourselves, as a country, to reconcile our past and build a better, fairer future – together."

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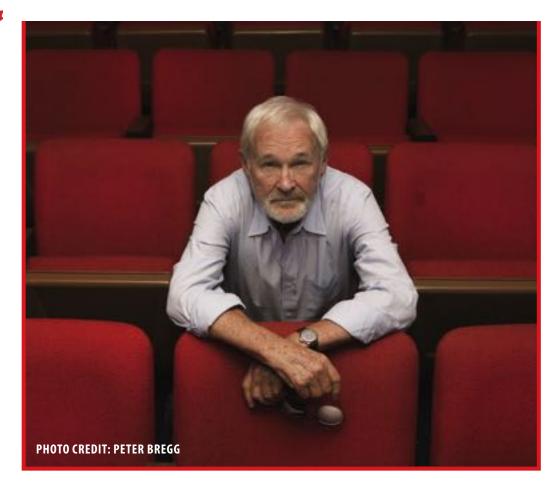
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CANADA DAY IS A TIME TO REFLECT ON WHO WE ARE AS A COUNTRY AND THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED AS CHANGE-MAKERS ALONG THE WAY.

BY BROCK WEIR

If you're looking for inspiration on how you can be the change you want to see in the world, take a stroll along the Caledon Walk of Fame in the Trains Canada Trail Pavilion Park in Caledon East.

Founded in 1999 to honour past and present local residents, inductees have been selected for their "significant contributions to the quality of life, not only in Caledon, but also received national and international recognition for his or her contribution" in the fields of arts and culture, philanthropy and humanitarian causes, environmental work, and more.

The first such person to be inducted into the Walk of Fame was Academy Award-winning film director and founder of the Canadian Film Centre Norman Jewison.

Jewison, who died this past January at the age of 97, was inducted in 1999.

The most recent honourees came in 2022 (for the year 2021) at the height of the Global Pandemic when the Frontline Workers of Caledon were honoured for their "tireless efforts" addressing COVID-19.

"After a two-year absence due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is only fitting that we honour our frontline workers on the Caledon Walk of Fame for 2021," said then-Caledon mayor Allan Thompson at the time. "From our first responders to our farmers, grocery store and restaurant staff, and especially our health care providers, we are proud to honour them and thank them for their continued efforts throughout the pandemic."

Further inductees include:

2000 - Elmer Isler - World-renowned choral conductor; Conductor of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir for 33 years; Officer of the Order of Canada.

2001 - Robertson Davies - Former resident of Caledon East, actor, editor, novelist, and playwright; Professor of English at the University of Toronto.

2002 – Robert & Signe McMichael – Belfountain residents, founders of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinburg.

2003 – Dr. Faye Lindsay – Driving force behind improving rural medicine and practitioners, and recruitment in rural areas.

2004 - Dr. Murray Fallis - Recognized internationally for research and educational contributions in the field of parasitology; Head of Parasitology Department at the University of Toronto, author, and driving force behind the establishment of youth scholarships locally.

2005 - Caledon Veterans of World War I and World War II - War veterans who risked their lives in both world wars; recognized by Council for their significant contributions in the Year of the Veteran.

2006 – Farley Mowat and Russell Cooper - Mowat, an author and environmental advocate, and Cooper, who was instrumental in protecting the Caledon Badlands were recognized jointly.

2007 - Daphne Lingwood - Sculptor; Internationally known artist who taught her skills to students across Canada; Exhibited artwork at prominent art shows throughout North America; founder of Caledon Arts & Crafts for Youth.

2008 - Alex Raeburn - Honoured as "Caledon's Senior Statesman"; Preservation of Caledon's natural and cultural heritage, notably the Credit River and Niagara Escarpment; Former Councillor and inaugural Chair of the Municipal Heritage Committee.

2009 - Conn Smythe - Owner of the Toronto Maple Leafs; Builder of Maple Leaf Gardens; namesake of Conn Smythe Trophy, presented to the MVP in the Stanley Cup Playoffs.

2010 - James B. Douglas - A resident of Belfountain; Renowned as one of Canada's veteran leading actors, playing in over 150 major roles; President & Chair of the Belfountain Heritage Society for 10 years.

2011 – Tayler "Hap" Parnaby – Volunteer Champion; Broadcaster, journalist and public speaker; Twice named a Rotary International "Paul Harris Fellow"; Honourary Inspector with the OPP.

2012 - Christopher Dedrick - Nationally and internationally acclaimed musician, arranger, composer and conductor; 16 Genie nominations with four awards, one Hot Docs (documentary film) award, a Socan award, and five Golden Reel nomination.

2013 - Marilyn Field - Conductor, mu- Hills (a history of Caledon East), long-time sic and arts teacher; founder of DAREarts, bringing the arts to children in all walks of life; recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal and the Canada Meritorious Service Medal.

2014 - Donald Lobb - Advocate for responsible soil management; Accommodated more than 50 major research projects on his farm including complete projects for six Master of Science, four Doctor of Philosophy research projects and one Postdoctoral research project.

2015 - Beverly Holden & Jake Holden -Athletes. Beverly, a Pan Am Games athlete, winning a bronze medal in Synchronized Swimming, Canada's first medal in the sport; Jake, known nationally and internationally in Snowboard Cross, competed at the Sochi Olympics in 2014.

2016 - Ken Weber - Educator, author, local historian: Professor emeritus at the University of Toronto, editor of Settling the

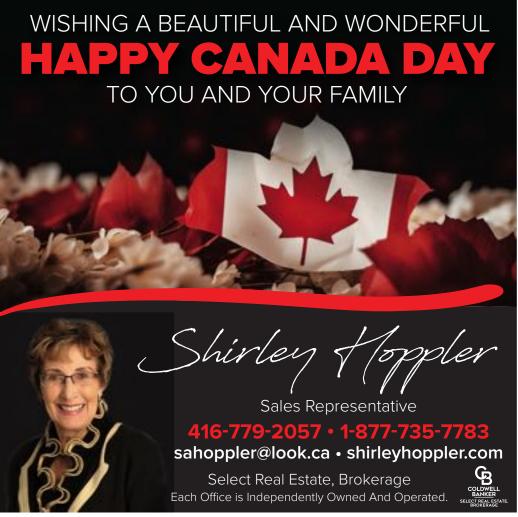
member of the Caledon Library Board, columnist for In the Hills Magazine.

2017 - Isabel Basset - Journalist, Politician, documentary producer. MPP, Cabinet minister, and CEO of TVO.

2018 - Cory Trépanier - Painter, filmmaker and explorer. A fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. One of Canada's Top 100 Living Explorers as named by Canadian Geographic magazine. A member of the Explorers Club and the recipient of the Canadian Chapter's highest accolade, the Stefansson Medal.

2019 - Johnny Wayne - Comedian, actor, writer. Best known as half of the famed comedy duo Wayne and Shuster. Johnny entertained Canadians for decades, while enjoying his 'cottage in Caledon' with his wife Beatrice.

2021 - Frontline Workers of Caledon



















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9am Festival Play Area Opens – Farm Animals, Jumping Pillows, Pirate's Cove,

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9am-5pm Farm Store Open

9am-11am Strawberry Pancake Breakfast

10am Opening Ceremonies

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HAPPY CANADA DAY!



TOWN RAISES FLAG TO CELEBRATE MULTICULTURALISM — Caledon Mayor Annette Groves, Councillors and staff raised a flag earlier this week to mark Canadian Multiculturalism Day. It recognizes Caledon as a welcoming community for all cultural expressions. Canadian Multiculturalism Day is an opportunity to celebrate our diversity and shared commitment to advancing issues of democracy, equality and mutual respect.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Canadian flag is an integral component of Canada Day celebrations every July 1st. The redand-white flag with a maple leaf prominently displayed can be seen waving from atop poles at municipal buildings and on private homes across the country.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATES the anniversary of the Canadian Confederation, or when Canada was created as a new, domestically self-governing federation on July 1, 1867. De-



spite Canada's birthday occurring in 1867, a national flag did not accompany the creation of the Canadian Federation, with the Union Jack and other British flags still being seen as sufficient. The quest for a national flag gained steam in the early 20th century, but attempts to create a flag in both 1925 and 1946 didn't see the light of day. A committee was formed in the 1960s to receive submissions of new national flag designs. Eventually, George Stanley's design, consisting of panels of red and white with a centred maple leaf, was chosen by a committee. The new Maple Leaf Flag became official by royal proclamation on February 15, 1965. The maple leaf already had emerged as a symbol of Canadian identity so it made sense that it should feature on the national flag



Celebrating Together 📲



VANILLA POUND CAKE

1/2 cup vegetable oil 3 cups sugar

1/2 tsp baking powder

5 large eggs

1/4 cup milk

Dash of salt

Preheat oven to 325°F.

In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt.

Cream butter until fluffy, add sugar and mix until well combined.

Mix in vegetable oil.

Beat in eggs one at a time to butter and sugar mixture. Mix well after each addition.

Alternately add flour mixture and milk to the butter and sugar mixture. Stir in vanilla.

Pour the mixture into a greased and floured tube pan. Bake at 325°F for 1 hour and 15 minutes or until a cake tester or toothpick comes out clean.

Rest on a cooling rack for 10 minutes, then invert the pan and cool completely before releasing from the pan.

STRAWBERRIES

1-1/2 quarts Ontario strawberries

3 tbsp of sugar

1 tbsp lemon juice

Wash and quarter strawberries into a bowl. Stir in sugar and lemon juice and let sit for a minimum of 30 minutes up to 1 day before.

WHIPPED CREAM

1 cup heavy whipping cream

2 tsp icing sugar

1 tsp vanilla extract



Place whipping cream in a mixing bowl and beat at high speed until soft peaks form. Add icing sugar, vanilla extract and whip until stiff peaks form.

- Submitted by: Sarah Didycz



We encourage everyone to celebrate with friends, family and neighbours as we reflect on the diverse cultures and vibrant communities that make our nation beautiful.

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CHELTENHAM BADLANDS PICTURED ON SELECT NUTELLA JARS

BY CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

One of Caledon's most famous landmarks is pictured in a new Nutella campaign.

The Cheltenham Badlands can now be seen on select Nutella jars. It's part of a campaign that features recipes inspired by different locations across Canada.

The recipe inspired by Ontario is for a Nutella peach crumble — 77 per cent of Canadian peaches are grown in Ontario.

The recipe contains the following ingredients: four cups peeled and stoned peaches, diced; two tablespoons of granulated sugar; two tablespoons of corn starch; one teaspoon of vanilla or maple extract;

all-purpose flour; ¼ cup packed brown sugar; ¼ cup butter, softened, or non-hydrogenated margarine; two teaspoons of ground cinnamon; and one tablespoon of Nutella hazelnut spread per portion.

To make them, first preheat your oven to 350 degrees fahrenheit. In a large bowl, combine the peaches, sugar, corn starch and vanilla.

Spoon that into six one-cup ramekins. In a different bowl, combine oats, flour, sugar, butter and cinnamon. Divide this

Place the ramekins on a baking sheet and bake them for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the peaches are soft and bubbling.

crumble mixture over the peach mixture.

Cool off the desserts, then spread a ta-





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Celebrating Together

Each July 1 Canadians celebrate Canada Day, formerly known as Dominion Day. Canada Day commemorates July 1, 1867, when the colonies Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the Province of Canada (now called Ontario and Quebec) were united under the name Canada — a single dominion within the British Empire. The holiday officially was changed from Dominion Day to Canada Day in 1982, when Canada's constitution became repatriated, which meant it could no longer be amended by Britain.

is a diverse nation enriched by people from various backgrounds. Canada Day is an opportunity for all people to shine and celebrate in many different ways. Much like their southern neighbours who celebrate American independence on July 4, Canadians like to include parties, parades and fireworks in their Canada Day festivities. Here are some ways to enjoy Canada Day this year.

AT THE CAPITAL

It should come as no surprise that Ottawa, Canada's capital, will put on quite a show for Canada Day. Canada Day visitors to Ottawa can find festivals, food, special activities, and scores of people decked out in red and white. Parliament Hall is a central location to take in the pageantry and fun.

TAKE TO THE WATER

Fireworks lit off along the coastline can make for an awe-inspiring sight. That's why many Canadians flock to the coast to see fireworks displays. However, the evening is not the only time to enjoy the waters of Canada. There are beaches and lakes across the nation that are perfect for enjoying a warm day with friends and family. Head to Georgian Bay in Ontario or explore the 1,000 lakes of Saskatchewan.

IN THE YARD

Canada Day celebrations can take place at home. This is the perfect day to fire up the grill and enjoy some

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anthem during your backyard barbecue. "O Canada" became the officially adopted anthem in 1980.

RED AND WHITE CUISINE

Picnics in parks or at campgrounds are common in Canada. These gatherings are made even more special when enjoying food that features Canadian colours. From watermelon to fruit and cream parfaits to red fruit punch, there are plenty of ways to incorporate red and white into the menu.

IN THE CITY

If you want amplified fun, then head to any of Canada's large cities, which are bound to host their own Canada Day events. Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal, and others will certainly have concerts and fireworks on the docket for those who want to travel.







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